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APR 27, FROM CAPE TOWN RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0315

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR UN SF WA
SUBJ: SAG RESPONSE TO SYG ON NAMIBIA

REF: CAPE TOWN 259

1. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, FONSECRETARY FOURIE TODAY BRIEFED
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AMBASSADOR ON SAG RESPONSE TO UNSYG BASED ON THEIR GENEVA TALKS.
BRITISH AMBASSADOR ALSO BRIEFED BY FOURIE IN SEPARATE MEETING.
FOURIE BEGAN BY STRESSING INACCURACIES OF MORNING NEWS REPORTS
THAT DOCUMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO SYG. HE SAID

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APPROVAL HAD ONLY BEEN OBTAINED ON SAG POSITION AS OF NOON LOCAL TIME TODAY AND THAT DOCUMENTS WERE NOW BEING TRANSMITTED TELEGRAPHICALLY TO NEW YORK. HE THEREFORE ASKED THAT USG INSURE THAT FOLLOWING BE PROTECTED UNTIL UN SECRETARIAT HAD RECEIVED THEM.

2. IN CAREFULLY MEASURED FASHION, FOURIE SAID " THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES SJG' S POSITION ON SWA AS IT EMERGED IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SYG TO FORM BASIS FOR SYG' S REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. AS RESULT OF THIS REPORT, DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION AND CONTACT BETWEEN SYG AND SAG."

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT FOURIE DESCRIBED AS " MAIN DOCUMENT":

A. DESIRING " TO DEVELOP FRIENDLY RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS BASED ON RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES", IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 1 (2) OF THE CHARTER, AND DESIRING TO ENABLE AND ASSIST THE POPULATION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA ALSO TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE, THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA WILL FULLY RESPECT THE WISHES OF THE WHOLE POPULATION OF THE TERRITORY WITH REGARD TO THE FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL ORGANISATION OF THE TERRITORY. IT HAS NO INTENTION OF IMPOSING ANY CONSTITU-TIONAL SYSTEM.

B. ANY EXERCISE TO ASCERTAIN THE WISHES OF THE POPULATION IN THIS REGARD WILL NOT BE COMPROMISED BY ANY EXISTING POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOT IMPOSE UPON THE POPULATION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA ANY GIVEN SYSTEM CONTRARY TO THE WISHES OF THE LATTER OR CONTRARY TO THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

C. ALL POLITICAL PARTIES OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA WILL HAVE FULL AND FREE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS LEADING TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE. THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA HAS NO INTENTION OF DELAYING THE ACT OF SELF- DETERMINATION AND CONFIDENTIAL

WILL IN CONSULTATION WITH THE INHABITANTS AND IN COOPERATION WITH THE SECRETARY- GENERAL DETERMINE SUCH MEASURES WHICH WILL ENSURE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOAL OF SELF- DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

D. ON THE BASIS OF PRESENT DEVELOPMENTS, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT IT MIGHT NOT TAKE LONGER THAN TEN YEARS FOR THE POPULATION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA TO REACH THE STAGE WHERE IT WILL BE READY TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO SELF- DETERMINATION.

4. FOLLOWING DOCUMENT ALSO TRANSMITTED TO SYG ENTITLED " ADDITIONAL MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE APPROPRIATE PART OF THE SECRETARY- GENERAL' S REPORT (WITH THE NECESSARY

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INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES)":

A. QUOTE: WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION WHETHER INDIVIDUAL POPULATION GROUPS MAY SUDDENLY BECOME INDEPENDENT AS SEPARATE ENTITIES, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT STATES THAT IT DOES NOT ENVISAGE SUCH AN EVENTUALITY.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES AND ACCEPTS, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE NEED FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FREEDOM OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY INCLUDING THE HOLDING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS, IN THE PROCESS LEADING TO SELF- DETERMINATION, THE PRINCIPLE APPLIES EQUALLY TO ALL POLITICAL PARTIES OF THE TERRITORY.

SO FAR AS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IS CONCERNED, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS IN MIND THE REDELINEATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS AIMED AT CONSIDERABLY ENLARGING THESE DISTRICTS SO AS TO REDUCE RESTRICTIONS ON AND BRING ABOUT GREATER FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.

AS REGARDS THE TERRITORY' S STATUS, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT REITERATES, AS STATED IN 1964 IN THE PLEADINGS IN THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA CASE, THAT SOUTH WEST AFRICA HAS A SEPARATE INTERNATIONAL STATUS. WALVIS BAY IS OF COURSE SOUTH AFRICAN TERRITORY.

DURING THE DISCUSSIONS THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED ITS POSITION THAT IT DOES NOT CLAIM ANY PART OF SOUTH WEST

AFRICA REMAINS UNCHANGED.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

1. THERE IS PROVISION FOR TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH REGION TO SERVE ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL EXCEPT FOR THE BUSHMEN AND THE TSWANAS WHO, AT THE FIRST MEETING, HAD ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH.

2. WHERE THERE ARE REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS OR AUTHORITIES, THE LATTER WERE ASKED TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVE (OF THEIR OWN CHOICE). IN REGIONS WHERE THERE IS NO SUCH AUTHORITY, I. E. HEREROLAND, BUSHMANLAND, KAOKOLAND, TSWANALAND AND NAMALAND, THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES WERE INVITED TO MAKE NOMINATION IN THE MANNER OF THEIR CHOICE.

3. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO HAVING AN ELECTED ELEMENT IN THE COUNCIL, IT SHOULD BE EMPHASISED THAT IN THOSE REGIONS WITH LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR AND A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS WILL THEN HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY WAY OF DEMOCRATIC ELECTORAL PROCESSES. THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILS

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WILL THEREAFTER BE ABLE TO SUBMIT FRESH NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBER-
SHIP OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL. (SO FOR THAT MATTER HAS ANY
REGION OR PEOPLE AT ANY TIME THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ITS REPRESEN-
TATIVES). AS AT PRESENT THESE AUTHORITIES WILL RETAIN THE RIGHT
TO CHOOSE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE ADVISORY
COUNCIL.

4. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN
WINDHOEK ON 23 MARCH 1973. THE FOLLOWING REGIONS WERE REPRESENTED.
THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ARE GIVEN IN PARENTHESIS:

DAMARALAND (MR. JUSTUS GAROEB; COUNCILLOR ANDREAS TJA- TJAMAI);
OVAMBO (CHIEF COUNCILLOR FILEMON ELIFAS; COUNCILLOR CORNELIUS
NJOBA);
KAVANGO (COUNCILLOR ALEX KUDUMO; MR. LEEVI HAKUSEMBE);
EASTERN CAPRIVI (CHIEF COUNCILLOR M. MORALISWANI; COUNCILLOR
M. MAMILI);
BUSHMANLAND (MR. GEELBOOI);
HEREROLAND (MR. DAWID TJATJITUA; MR. MUNJUKU NGAVAUVA);
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TSWANALAND (MR. DOMINIKUS MOKALABATHO);
COLOURED POPULATION GROUP (MR. D. BEZUIDENHOIT; MR. A. J. F.
KLOPPERS);
WHITE POPULATION GROUP (MR. D. F. MUDGE, M. E. C.; ADV. E. VAN
ZIJL, M. E. C.).

THE REHOBOTH BASTER COUNCIL NOMINATED MESSRS. M. OLIVIER AND
H. DIERGAARDT TO REPRESENT REHOBOTH ON THE COUNCIL. ON 21 MARCH,
HOWEVER, IT WITHDREW THESE NOMINATIONS UNTIL CLARITY COULD BE
OBTAINED ON CERTAIN QUESTIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON 22 MARCH, THE
REHOBOTH BASTER VERENIGING, WHICH REFLECTS THE VIEWS OF A SECTION
OF THE PEOPLE OF REHOBOTH, INDICATED THAT IT WISHED TO NOMINATE
DR. B. J. AFRICA AND MR. P. J. MOUTON AS CANDIDATES. THE PRIME
MINISTER RULED THAT DR. AFRICA COULD ATTEND THE MEETING AS AN
OBSERVER.

IN THE CASE OF NAMALAND, SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NAMA
PEOPLE DECLINED THE INVITATION TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES TO
THE ADVISORY COUNCIL. THE BONDELSWARTZ GROUP OF THE NAMA
PEOPLE SUBSEQUENTLY NOMINATED MR. FRANK BASSON, THEIR ACTING
HEADMAN, TO REPRESENT THEM ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL. THE PRIME
MINISTER ACCORDED MR. BASSON OBSERVER STATUS.

IN THE CASE OF REGIONS FOR WHICH THERE IS NO AUTHORITY (I. E.
BUSHMANLAND, KAOKOLAND, TSWANALAND, HEREROLAND, NAMALAND) ALL
SHADES OF OPINION WERE CONSULTED AT MEETINGS IN THE VARIOUS
AREAS. WITH REFERENCE TO HEREROLAND, THE INVITATION TO NOMINATE
REPRESENTATIVES WAS ACCEPTED BY CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THIS POPU-
LATION GROUP AND REJECTED BY OTHERS.

5. THE COUNCIL WILL MEET PERIODICALLY UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF

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THE PRIME MINISTER. ANY REPRESENTATIVE IS FREE TO PLACE ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS WHICH IS OF COMMON CONCERN OR INTEREST TO THE TERRITORY AS A WHOLE, I. E. ANY MATTER WHICH IS NOT OF PURELY REGIONAL INTEREST. THE NUMBER OF ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE AGENDA WILL DETERMINE THE FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS.

6. THE COUNCIL WILL BE SERVICED BY A SECRETARIAT HEADED BY MR. G. H. MARAIS WHOM THE PRIME MINISTER APPOINTED, WITH EFFECT FROM 1 APRIL 1973, TO REPRESENT HIS DEPARTMENT IN THE TERRORITORY. MR. MARAIS' HEADQUARTERS WILL BE IN WINDHOEK. HE WILL COORDINATE
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MATTERS RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS. QUESTIONS OF COMMON INTEREST WHICH IT IS DESIRED TO BRING TO THE PRIME MINISTER' S ATTENTION WILL BE ADDRESSED TO MR. MARAIS WHO WILL REFER THEM TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND FURNISH THE LATTER' S ANSWERS. HIS JURISDICTION WILL EXTEND ONLY TO MATTERS OF TERRITORY- WIDE INTEREST AND WILL NOT INCLUDE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS- GENERAL OR EXISTING DEPARTMENTS. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS INSTRUCTED MR. MARAIS TO UNDERTAKE AN EXTENSIVE JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTH WEST AFRICA TO ADVISE THE VARIOUS PEOPLES ON THE WORK OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

7. FROM THE ABOVE, IT CAN BE SEEN THAT THE ADVISORY COUNCIL IS STILL IN A FORMATIVE PHASE. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA TO MAKE THE COUNCIL, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PRIME MINISTER, A MEANINGFUL CONSULTATIVE INSTRUMENT FOR THE TERRITORY. TO THIS END, IT IS THE HOPE OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT IT WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS TRULY REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL THE DIFFERENT GROUPS AND THAT IT WILL STUDY AND ADVISE THE PRIME MINISTER ON ALL MATTERS OF TERRITORY- WIDE CONCERN, INCLUDING MATTERS RELATING TO THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY REFERRED TO IN THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF THE MAIN DOCUMENT.

THUS IT IS HOPED THAT THE COUNCIL WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT IN FACILITATING SELF- DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

8. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA THAT, AS THE COUNCIL BECOMES MORE EXPERIENCED AND EFFECTIVE, IT SHOULD PROGRESSIVELY BECOME AN INSTRUMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING AMONGST THE INHABITANTS OF THE TERRITORY AS A WHOLE. IT WILL DEPEND ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF, AND INTEREST DISPLAYED BY, ITS MEMBERS AS TO HOW THE COUNCIL WILL IN PRACTICE DEVELOP. END QUOTE
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